

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

--Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a male touch fastener component 100 includes a field of fastener elements 102 arranged in rows R extending outwardly from and integrally with a sheet-form base 104. Spacing S between rows may be controlled by the manufacturing process and will be discussed further below. Fastener elements 102 are palm tree-shaped hooks and are engageable in two directions along a plane (i.e., an engagement plane) perpendicular to sheet-form base 104 ~~the in~~ in the direction of rows R. Each fastener element 102 includes two heads 106 extending from a single stem 108.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--Further details of the embodiment of Fig. 3 can be found in an application entitled "MULTIPLE-CROOK MALE TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENTS," filed concurrently herewith and assigned U.S. Serial Number _____10/688,320, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

--Further details of the embodiments of Figs. 14 and 17 can be found in an application entitled "WOVEN TOUCH FASTENER PRODUCTS," filed concurrently herewith and assigned U.S. Serial Number _____10/688,033, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.—